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Community-based Address Canvassing Pilot for 2020 Census (Interim Results)

Our Work for the 2020 Census

We're Creating Scalable Tools for Nonprofits to Help Address the Potential Undercount

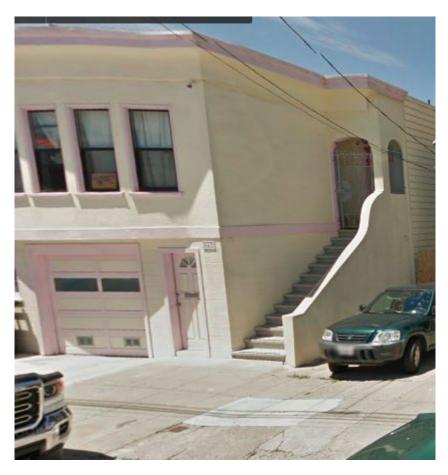
Our POV on How Nonprofits Can Help

- 1. Ensuring that Low-Visibility Households are Included in the Master Address File
- 2. Recruiting Enumerators and Canvassers from Hard-to-Count (HTC) Neighborhoods
- 3. Reaching Out to Educate HTC Households About Privacy and Importance of Census
- 4. "Getting Out the Count" for HTC Households

Question:

Where do you live in the Bay Area if you make close to minimum wage?

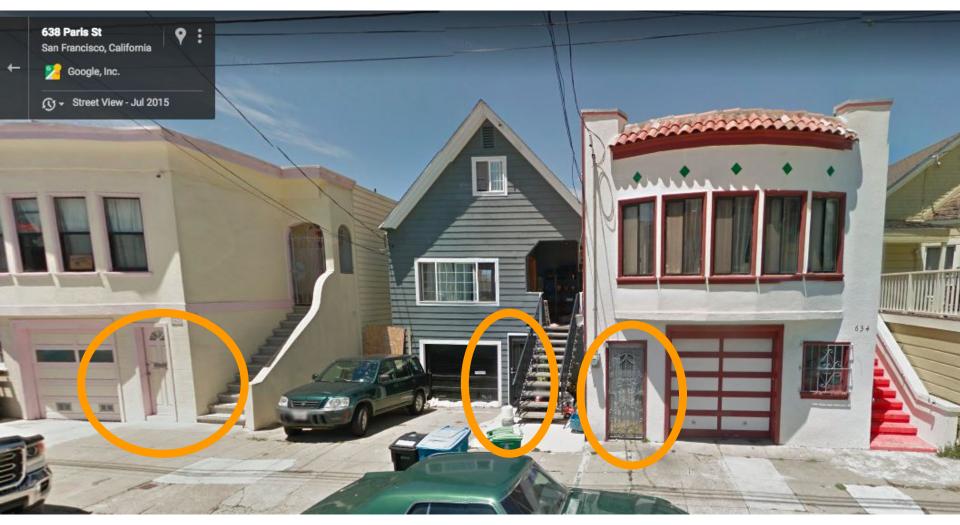
Examples of Low Visibility Housing In Bay Area



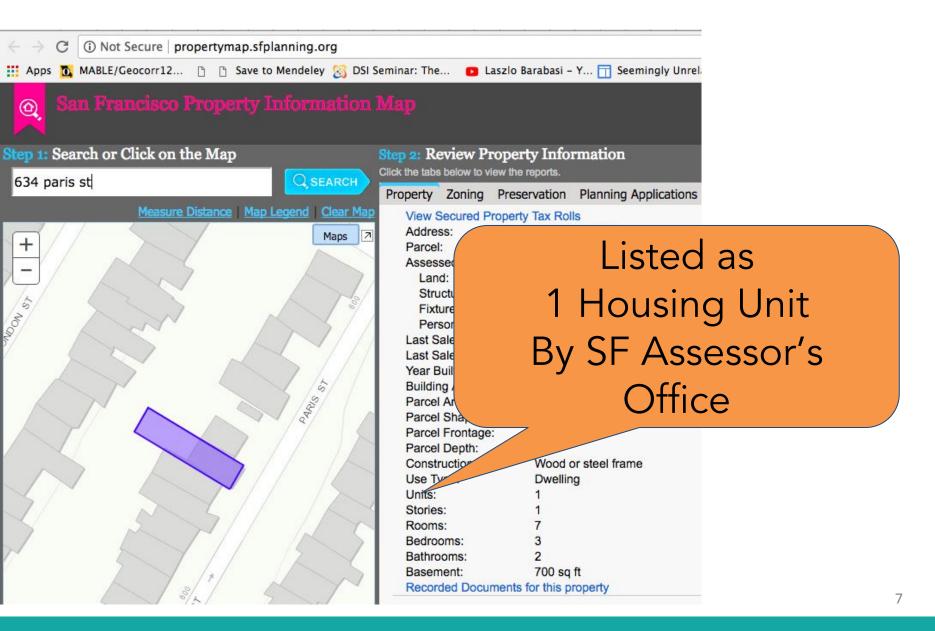




Widespread In Some Neighorhoods



Missed in Some Official Records



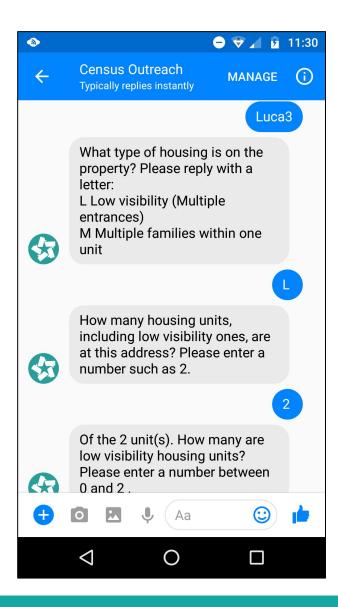
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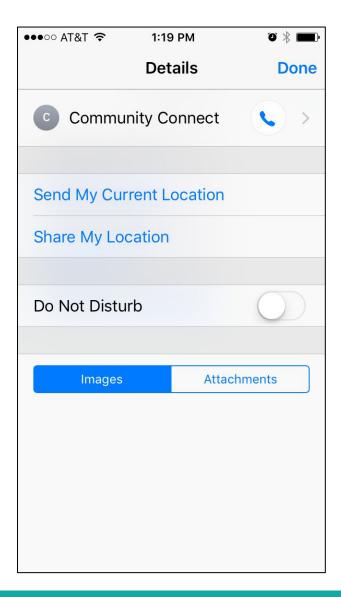


Example:

San José Pilot with Community-Based Address Canvassing

Created a Text-based Canvassing Tool





Summary of Pilot Process

San José Recruited Community-based Organizations (CBOs) for Canvassing

3 Hour "Train the Trainer" workshop for 2-4 CBO Staff

1 Hour Training by CBOs staff of Volunteers + Assignment to Canvassing Areas

2-4 Hours of Canvassing for Each Group of 2-4 Volunteers

Post-Processing of Data to Send to San José and Census for Verification

What This Actually Looked Like

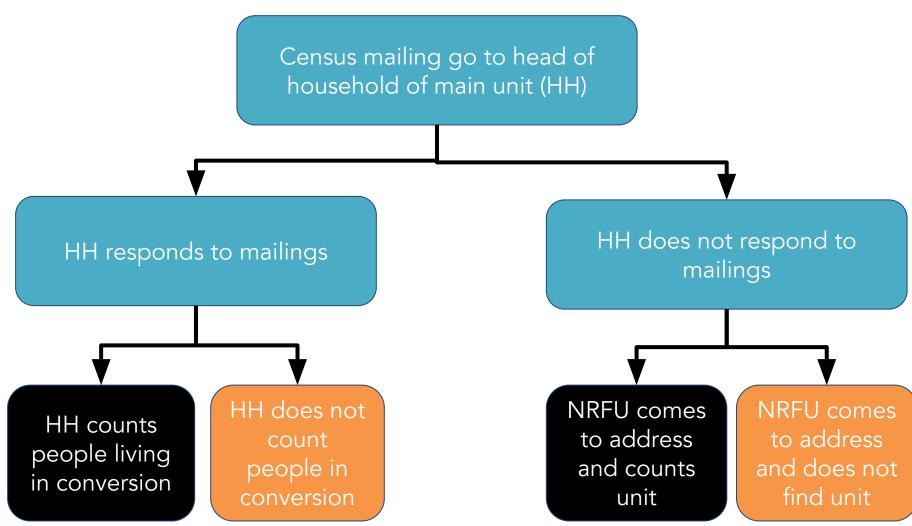




Results of Pilot So Far

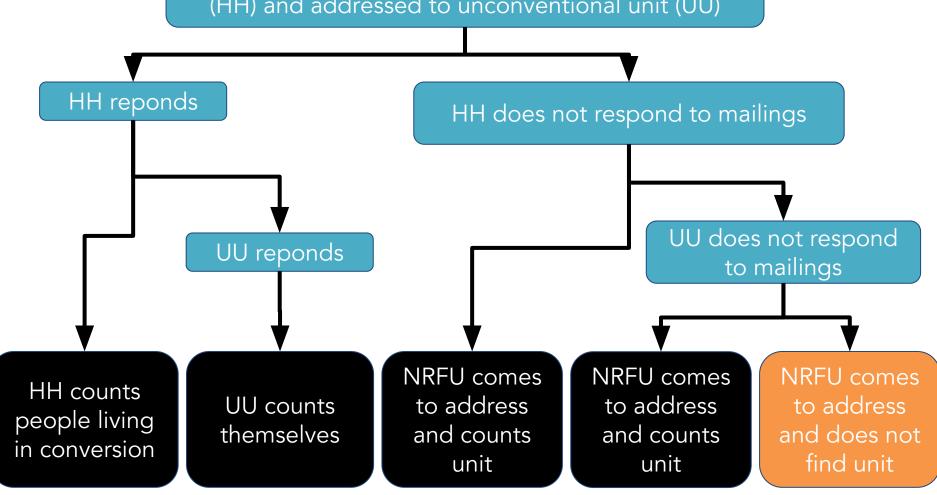
- Worked with 50+ volunteers to canvass 31 Census Block Groups in 16 Census Tracts in San José
- Each Census Block Group took 1.5-2 hours to canvass
 - Most volunteers took about a minute to submit address w/ description
 - ~60% through text message, ~40% through Facebook Messenger
 - o 40% of submissions in non-English
- Volunteers submitted over 800 potential low-visibility units
 - Up to 630 may be usable mostly conversions and additional construction
 - Data on multiple households in a single unit not useful
- Have preliminary feedback from Census Geography Division, in process of verification of addresses with and City of San José's Planning Department
 - o Bottom-line, unconventional units are largely missing from Cenuss MAF

Sources of Undercount w/o Unconventional Unit Data



Sources of Undercount w/ Unconventional Unit Data

Census mailing go to head of household of main unit (HH) and addressed to unconventional unit (UU)





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Questions?

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